

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of the claims of Group I, Claims 1-30.

Claims 1-29 and 41-46 are pending. Claims 1-9 and 12-29 have been amended as to matters of form, and non-elected Claims 31-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. In addition, Claims 41-46 have been added to assure Applicants of a full measure of protection of the scope to which they deem themselves entitled, and are believed to belong to the elected Group. Claims 1-9, 41 and 45 are in independent form. A substitute specification (including Abstract) is submitted herewith in both a marked and a clean version; no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration and passage to issue of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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